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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **Park Rangers Rescue Injured Climber from Garnet Canyon**

Grand Teton National Park rangers and the park's contract helicopter rescued an injured climber from Garnet Canyon on Saturday afternoon, June 19. Bill Mulligan, a 35-year-old from New York City, sustained multiple injuries when he lost control while glissading on a snowfield and tumbled approximately 150 to 200 feet over snow and rock. Mulligan was a member of a guided party led by the Jackson Hole Mountain Guides; the group was descending from the guide service's high camp and was west of Spalding Falls, near the level of the Petzoldt Caves (10,100 feet), when Mulligan fell, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Mulligan was carrying an ice axe, but he was not wearing a helmet at the time.

Jackson Hole Mountain Guide Eddie Horney descended to a place where cell phone service was available and notified his office of the accident. Jackson Hole Mountain Guide staff relayed the message to Teton Interagency Dispatch at 11:45 a.m. Park rangers assessed the situation and decided to coordinate a rescue with the assistance of the park's contract helicopter. Five rangers were flown to the helicopter landing zone in the Garnet Canyon Meadows. The rangers ascended about 600 feet to Mulligan, assessed his condition, stabilized him for transport, and manually lowered him to the Garnet Meadows in an evacuation litter, using a series of snow anchors and belayed lowerings.

Mulligan incurred lacerations to his head and was experiencing right shoulder and left ankle pain as well as abdominal and rib pain. After rangers administered emergency medical assistance, Mulligan was flown by helicopter to Lupine Meadows at 3:15 p.m., then transported by ambulance to St. John's Medical Center in Jackson for further treatment.

This marks the third major search and rescue in Grand Teton National Park this year.

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